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SUBJECT: UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES -- DRAFT RESOLUTION
ON TARIFF RECLASSIFICATION

1. FOLLOWING RESOLUTION ON AGENDA ITEM 5, TARIFF RECLASSIFICATION INTRODUCED BY SRI LANKA ON BEHALF OF GROUP OF 77.

2. DRAFT RESOLUTION: BEGIN QUOTE:

THE COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES

RECALLING CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 77(III), SECTION II B(3)
AND RESOLUTION 62(III);

RECALLING ALSO COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 1(III) AND DECISION
2(III), SECTION A, PARAGRAPH 3;

EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION OF THE TECHNICAL STUDY FOR
IDENTIFICATION OF HAND-MADE/HANDICRAFTS CARRIED OUT BY
UNCTAD IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION
COUNCIL;

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TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE IMPORTANCE FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF FREE ACCESS TO MARKETS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR PRODUCTS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PARTICULARLY FOR HAND-MADE/HANDICRAFT PRODUCTS AND TROPICAL PRODUCTS BOTH IN THEIR NATURAL AND PROCESSED FORMS INCLUDING THOSE LISTED IN DOCUMENT TD/B/C.2/151/ADD.1;

1. URGES THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO TAKE MEASURES EXPEDITIOUSLY TO ADOPT THE NECESSARY TARIFF RE-CLASSIFICATION WITH THE OBJECT OF PROVIDING, AMONGST OTHER THINGS, DUTY FREE PREFERENTIAL ACCESS TO HAND-MADE/HANDICRAFT PRODUCTS AND TROPICAL PRODUCTS BOTH IN THEIR NATURAL AND PROCESSED FORMS, OF EXPORT INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

2. INVITES THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE AFORE-MENTIONED OBJECTIVE;

(I) TO EXPEDITE, IN COLLABORATION WITH UNCTAD, THE TECHNICAL STUDY ON IDENTIFICATION FOR TARIFF PURPOSES OF PRODUCTS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE HAND-MADE/HANDICRAFT PRODUCTS AND TROPICAL PRODUCTS BOTH IN THEIR NATURAL AND PROCESSED FORMS, INCLUDING THOSE LISTED IN DOCUMENT TD/B/C.2/151/ADD.1;

(II) TO ENTRUST ITS HARMONISED SYSTEM COMMITTEE WITH THE TASK OF EVOLVING ON A PRIORITY BASIS A SEPARATE CLASSIFICATION IN THE NEW HARMONISED COMMODITY SYSTEM OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PRODUCTS.

3. FURTHER INVITES THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO FURNISH THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT WITH ALL TECHNICAL AND OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL FOR IDENTIFICATION AND SEPARATE CLASSIFICATION OF PRODUCTS OF SPECIAL EXPERT INTEREST TO THEM;

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4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO RECONVENE, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS, THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS ON TARIFF RECLASSIFICATION FOR EXAMINING THE QUESTION OF IDENTIFICATION AND SEPARATE CLASSIFICATION OF PRODUCTS BOTH IN THEIR NATURAL AND THEIR PROCESSED FORM, OF EXPORT INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INCLUDING THOSE LISTED IN TD/B/C.2/151/ADD.1 AND TO REPORT TO THE 8TH SESSION OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE PROGRESS WHICH IT HAS ACHIEVED IN
FULFILLING ITS TASK. END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT: RESOLUTION INTRODUCED IN LATE FRIDAY
AFTERNOON SESSION SO GROUP B COUNTRIES HAVE NOT YET
DISCUSSED POSSIBLE COMMON POSITION. UNDERSTAND INFORMALLY
FROM BELGIAN DEL THAT RESOLUTION MAY BE ACCEPTABLE "AS
IS" TO EC IF PARA 4 DELETED. USDEL WILL TAKE POSITION
IN GROUP B MEETING MONDAY THAT REFERENCE TO BOTH
PREFERENTIAL ACCESS (PARA 1) AND RECONVENING EXPERTS
GROUP (PARA 4), OBJECTIONABLE AND WILL PROPOSE GROUP B
POSITION REFLECT THIS VIEW. DALE

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